

Jody Becker-Green, Chief Knowledge Officer Washington State Department of Social & Health Services **Planning, Performance and Accountability**



Meet Jody Becker-Green

Jody Becker-Green, Ph.D., MSW, is the Chief Knowledge Officer at the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. Jody earned her Ph.D. in social work and applied research from Portland State University and her MSW from the University of Utah. In her current role, she supports the Department in the use of data, research and analyses to inform practice, policy and budget decisions, to monitor performance and outcomes and to manage for success. In addition, she builds and sustains strategic partnerships that help the department maximize and leverage resources to enhance the integration of services for multi-system involved individuals and families.

Over the past 20 years, Jody has worked in both the public and non-profit sectors as a public administrator, researcher, social worker, and as a legislative policy analyst for child welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, aging, child support and developmental disability issues at a state level. She spent four years of her career living and working on the Navajo Reservation in southern Utah, developing and providing direct services to Native American children with disabilities and their families. For nearly seven years she led participatory and culturally competent research and evaluation activities at the National Indian Child Welfare Association. Jody currently resides outside of Olympia, Washington, where she is practicing the art of sustainable living.